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Jan E. Tomsky is a partner with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, working from both the Oakland and Sacramento offices. She has an extensive practice involving student matters, with a particular emphasis in special education and student discipline. Ms. Tomsky's expertise in special education matters has helped scores of districts to address issues and resolve disputes in this specialized field. She has had significant success representing school district clients in mediations and due process hearings as well as in special education-related litigation in state and federal courts, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Tomsky has assisted districts in countless student expulsion hearings, particularly those that involve complex or sensitive issues, and has successfully defended the districts' decisions on appeal to county boards and in court.

Ms. Tomsky is also a frequent presenter on special education topics in a variety of settings, ranging from workshops provided to a single district, to participation in statewide professional conferences as an invited speaker, to presentations to a national audience. Although her practice has focused on student issues, she is also available to firm's clients for advice in general education law. In particular, Ms. Tomsky regularly advises clients on matters related to labor relations and employment law.

Ms. Tomsky received her J.D. from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. She received her M.S. in Education (with an emphasis in special education and student development) and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Dominican University of San Rafael.